

# Defending Homes from Wildfire



**Most people do not realize that during a wildfire many homes catch fire from embers that have traveled over a mile from the wildfire.**

As more people purchase homes, run businesses and visit areas where wildlands border urban areas, the threat to private property from wildfire increases. Practicing firewise safety can make the difference between returning to an intact home or to a smoldering pile of ashes.

Wildland firefighting agencies and local fire departments cannot always adequately protect the growing number of structures in sprawling urban interface areas. It is therefore critical that private landowners assume some responsibility for protecting their property against wildfires.

Join the East Mountain Interagency Fire Protection Association, along with the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Park Service, New Mexico State Forestry, New Mexico Game and Fish, Bernalillo and Sandoval County Fire Department, Albuquerque Fire Department, City Open Space, CIUDAD Soil and Water Conservation District and the American Red Cross for a FIREWISE seminar and learn what you can do to lower the risk from wildfire to your home, property, or business.

This free seminar will be held at the Bosque Preparatory School, Coors and Learning School Rd., one block south of Mantano. The program will be held on March 12, 2005 from 8:00A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Lunch will be provided by Applebee's Restaurant Inc. and refreshments provided by Albuquerque Area Firefighters Local 244 and the East Mountain Interagency Fire Protection Association.

To sign up for the seminar or for further information please contact Karen Takai at the United States Forest Service, Sandia Ranger District (505) 281-3304